

For: A METHOD OF ESTIMATING THE PITCH OF A SPEECH SIGNAL USING AN AVERAGE DISTANCE BETWEEN PEAKS, USE OF THE METHOD, AND A DEVICE ADAPTED THEREFOR

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to commencing the examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as set forth below to place the application in condition for allowance.

In the Specification

On page 1 of the Specification, at line 1, before **“Field of the Invention,”** please add the following paragraph:

CROSS REFERENCES TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application for patent claims the benefit of priority from, and hereby incorporates by reference the entire disclosure of, co-pending U.S. Provisional Application for Patent Serial No. 60/197,785, filed April 14, 2000.

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